

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is noted. Applicants disagree and submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 131 that obviates the instant rejection. Applicants have also amended the minor typographical errors noted by the Examiner in regard to Claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, and 19 so as to place application in condition for allowance.

Applicants further state that no fee is believed due for this submission. An extension of time for entry of this document is also not believed necessary, but if such is deemed necessary, such extension is hereby requested. Accordingly, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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